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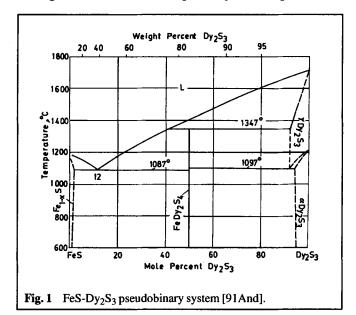
# Dy-Fe-S (Dysprosium-Iron-Sulfur)

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Due to lack of data, this system has not been reviewed before. Recently, [91And] determined a pseudobinary section along the FeS-Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> join in this system, which depicts the ternary compound FeDy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>.

## **Binary Systems and Phases**

For a brief review of the Fe-S System, see [88Rag]. [Massalski2] presents the Fe-Dy phase diagram and the intermediate phases in it. The tentative Dy-S phase diagram in [Massalski2] shows a Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> phase as melting congruently at 1775 °C with polymorphic transitions of  $\gamma \rightarrow \beta$  and  $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$  occurring at 1470 and 950 °C, respectively. The temperatures of



the transitions in  $\mathrm{Dy}_2\mathrm{S}_3$  including its melting point need to be confirmed, as there are wide variations in the values reported in the literature.  $\gamma\mathrm{Dy}_2\mathrm{S}_3$  has the  $\mathrm{Th}_3\mathrm{P}_4$ -type cubic structure with a=0.8303 nm.  $\beta\mathrm{Dy}_2\mathrm{S}_3$  has the  $\mathrm{La}_2\mathrm{S}_3$ -type orthorhombic structure with a=0.7279 nm, b=0.3878 nm, and c=1.5136 nm.  $\alpha\mathrm{Dy}_2\mathrm{S}_3$  is monoclinic with a=1.7496 nm, b=0.4022 nm, c=1.0183 nm, and  $\beta=98.67^\circ$  [Pearson3].

### The FeS-Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> Pseudobinary Section

Using metallography, x-ray power diffraction, microhardness, and DTA measurements, [91And] determined a pseudobinary section for this system along the FeS-Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> join. This is redrawn in Fig. 1. A stoichiometric ternary compound FeDy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> forms peritectically at 1347 °C. It has the MnY<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>-type orthorhombic structure [91And] with a = 0.377 nm, b = 1.258 nm, and c = 1.288 nm. The final solidification occurs eutectically at 12 mol% Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> and 1087 °C. [91And] indicate only one polymorphic transition in Dy<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> from  $\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$  at 1217 °C, which does not agree with the Dy-S binary data quoted above. No attempt is made here to modify the diagram in Fig. 1 or to reconcile the differences in the transition temperatures.

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